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and courage from even a little knowledge of Father Hecker's heart and soul." This is eminently true, but the biography is not at all up to the subject. We get as many facts as the one hundred and fifty pages of print and the copious extracts from Father Hecker's journals allow, but we have not at all an adequate picture of the man. We are told in so many words that he was a member of the Redemptionist Order expelled for disobedience to the letter of the canon in a matter where his conscience was aroused, and that he was allowed after a time to establish the Order of the Missionary Priests of St. Paul the Apostle, better known as the Paulist Fathers. There are some pages devoted, also, to the consideration of "Americanism," as the influence of the Order in France was called, but this part of the book is as unsatisfactory as the first part. From the pages devoted to the man it is hard to understand how he could have had such an influence as he did have, and from those concerning Americanism we might infer that what was one of the most significant religious movements in France of recent years was only an ebullition in the eternal boiling due to some men's desire for things new, and other men's determination to cling to the old. However, the interest of the subject and the very handy form of the volume will guarantee a number of readers out of proportion to the merit of the biography. G. C. E.

ELEMENTS OF AGRICULTURE. By James Bolton McBryde, C. E. Richmond, Va.: B. F. Johnson Publishing Company. 1901.

In consequence of a demand for primary instruction in agriculture in the public schools of our several States, this volume appears as an elementary text-book on the subject. Simply its presence is an evidence of this demand, and it is hoped that the book may satisfy the needs of pupils both in city and country. For although special and skilled knowledge is a necessity to the farmer to enable him to battle for his daily bread, it is equally a source of pleasure and satisfaction to a well-rounded intelligence in any one. The book is arranged in seven parts, as follows: (1) Climate; (2) Plants; (3) Soils; (4) Manures; (5) Farm Crops; (6) Animal Pro-

duction; (7) Miscellaneous Topics. Climate and plants are presented perhaps in a too elementary way. In thirty-four pages it would be difficult to present plant life and growth satisfactorily, and yet the author has accomplished a great deal in the limited space he has allowed himself. Soils and manures are especially well discussed. The average boy or girl, or even adult, has not the faintest conception of what a soil is, and hence is apt to know nothing in regard to fertility, which is absolutely essential for plant life. A knowledge of the chemistry of the soil and the chemical requirements of any special crop will enable the farmer to assist nature intelligently and with profit. Farm crops, their soil needs, their method of growth, their cultivation and manner of harvesting to best advantage, are treated in a very suggestive manner. Animal production is a most important subject, and the proper care of them especially appeals to the up-to-date farmer.

Birds, forestry, and roads are clearly discussed under the head of "Miscellaneous Topics."

The book is a very suggestive one, and, in the hands of a competent teacher who will supplement the text by drawing examples from experience, should prove most useful.

WM. B. HALL.

TWO DECORATED BOOKS.

EVE OF ST. AGNES. By Ralph Fletcher Seymour. Fine Arts Building, Chicago.

YE GODS AND LITTLE FISHES. A Travesty on the Argonautic Expedition in Quest of the Golden Fleece. By James A. Henshall, M.D. Dedicated to Admiral George Dewey. Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Co.

Thanks to Morris, that irrepressible sweet genius who has got up so extensive a conspiracy for the displacement of "Lord Beast" upon the throne of the world by "Lady Beauty," that even the most blatant adherents of the tyrant feel occasional cold shivers run over them. Thanks to the Kelmscott Press and its successor, the Essex House Press, we have every earnest effort, big and little, made wisely or foolishly, as the case may be, for the realization of books that